

Application No. 10/618,585
Preliminary Amendment

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Favorable reconsideration of this application as presently amended and in light of the following discussion is respectfully requested.

Claims 2-22 are pending in this case, with Claim 1 cancelled and Claims 2-22 added by the present preliminary amendment.

Support for new Claims 2-22 is found in Applicants' originally filed specification.
No new matter is added.

Accordingly, examination on the merits of Claims 2-22 is believed to be in order, and an early and favorable action on the merits is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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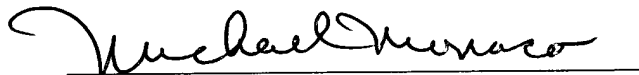
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